

City of Baraboo
Parks & Recreation Commission
June 22nd, 2020 – Minutes

Present: Roy Franzen, Angela Witzcak, Chantel Steinhorst, Shelley Mordini, James Francisco, Craig Schlender and Mike Hardy. Also Present: Rob Nelson representing Baraboo Thunder softball, Ricki Adams representing BABA, Paul Wolter representing the Sauk County Historical Society and media.

Franzen called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Legal posting of the Agenda had been met. Witzcak motioned and Schlender seconded approval of the June 1st minutes. Motion carried.

Witzcak moved to approve the agenda as printed, seconded by Francisco. Motion carried.

Presentations: Rob Nelson spoke for Baraboo Thunder softball and explained a technique they could and will use to play games called Round Robins. Paul Wolter spoke on locations along the Riverwalk to place interpretive kiosks.

Action Items:

- a. *Discuss and consider athletic fields requests to allow for games and tournaments from Baraboo Thunder softball and Baraboo Amateur Baseball Association private clubs:* Dan Lewison from Baraboo Thunder and Chief Stieve got together and discussed safety and contract tracing with COVID-19. After their meeting, as a board, Baraboo Thunder decided to cancel July tournaments. BABA and Thunder will not hold tournaments for the month of July and they will re-evaluate for an August tournament. Rob Nelson spoke and discussed Round Robins, a technique they could use to still hold games. The July tournament was looking to host around 40 teams. These Round Robins would consist of a maximum of three teams. Discussion of teams and their location came up. Franzen in favor of limiting it to a fifty mile radius. Mordini in favor of excluding teams from Illinois. Schlender made a motion to allow for Round Robins, with no more than three teams and limiting it to in-state only teams, seconded by Steinhorst. Motion carried.
- b. *Discuss and consider request from Sauk County Historical Society to place interpretive kiosks on Riverwalk near Mound St:* Paul Wolter spoke about the proposed kiosks and Indigenous People's Day. This day honors the past, present and futures of Native peoples throughout the US. Currently there is a Stone marker on the Riverwalk but its plaque is low to the ground and very hard to read when the grass covers it. Paul Wolter said it would be nice to have something off to the side of the Riverwalk and ADA accessible. The Mayor, Mike Hardy and Paul Wolter got together and discussed this more. The Mayor is very excited about it and suggested a bench and plantings be added to the design. In future this could lead to a 'history walk' along the Riverwalk path just like the storybook path at City View Park. Commission members unanimously were in favor of seeing a kiosk for Indigenous Peoples day. Exact location is still yet to be determined.
- c. *Discuss and consider using up to \$30,000 to make swimming pool improvements:* Council approved our request so discussion took place on how we would spend up to \$30,000. The big picture includes mechanicals and zero depth entry but these are extremely costly. The little picture is that painting would fall under \$30,000 and the pool needs painted. Maintenance staff would like to see the pool painted out of the list of improvements. The pool was scheduled for painting in 2021 but with the pool sitting empty for the summer it creates the perfect opportunity for painting to be done now. Witzcak made a motion to spend up \$30,000 for painting of the pool by Labor Day, if not completed by Labor Day the money can go to other improvements, seconded by Francisco. Motion carried.

- d. *Discuss and consider using up to \$5,000 from Kuenzi Recreation Fund to pay for a feasibility study for a new spraypad and solicit proposals from vendors:* Witczak explained the difference between a splashpad (some standing water, requires a life guard) and a spraypad (no standing water, no lifeguard.) Before the Splash Pad committee chooses a set location it needs to find out what is underneath the location to see if it will work out. The feasibility study will tell us more about the proposed site and other sites we are interested in. The two we would like to know about are Attridge Park and Langer Park. Franzen made a motion to use up to \$5,000 for a feasibility study, seconded by Mordini. Motion carried.

Witczak motioned and Steinhorst seconded to adjourn at 6:17pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chantel Steinhorst-Commission Secretary